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The son of the reigning King of England always carries the title the Prince of Wales. Years ago young Prince Philip had grown quite weary of his fathers palace and had found away to disguise himself as rags and tatters and sneak out to play with the ruffians that ran the streets of England. They didn't know he was the prince of Wales they only knew him as Ted. One day one of the young lads dared Ted to take a rock and try to knock the officers or "bobbies" hat off.

Ted had a go of it and struck the officer. The chase was on. The officer finally caught the two boys. Alright boy whats your name. Ted firmly firmly said, I'm the prince of Wales. That's every of your lip young man whats your name I'm the prince of Wales. I've had enough of this, it is a very serious charge molesting a Police officer. Whats your name! I'm the Prince of Wales. I'm frustrated he looks at the other lad and asks him. "Oh I'm the arch Bishop of Canterbury." In the

I. She is Ascribed a Royal Title
Now in order to understand what I'm trying to do you have to concede to the

fact that Ruth (being the great Grand mother of David) may very well have lived long enough to see him ascend to the throne. Granted, she would have been pretty aged. There is the possibility. So imagine if you will a brisk fall day in Bethlehem. Old Mrs. Ruth rocking on her front porch one morning and thinking & wondering how my great grand son is doing. I'd really like to see him. I think I set out on the 5 mile trip up to Jerusalem to see him. Some friend see her, "Ms Ruth where on earth are you going." "To Jeru. to see King David" "How? Didn't you know? I'm related to royalty" "I've got a royal title!" She was a miscalculation. Under II. She is admitted to a Royal Throne.

All along her journey she babbled along. She desired so greatly to see King David, that the miles and the hours passed so quickly that before long she was w/ in sight of the Palace of King David. 2 Guards at the door watched as the little lady kept coming closer and closer. One guard says to the other "Who in the world does she think she is. She is acting like we are just going to let her right in. The other guard says "Watch what you say. She's been here before. I had to learn the hard way but she may not look like much but she is related to royalty. She is his majesties Great Grandmother

1) ...In the final chapter of Ruth we are given a lineage and learn that although this new bride Ruth may not look like much, and may have just married into a good family in Bethlehem, we find out that she ends up being related to royalty! Now I pride myself on being a bible preacher. Preaching verse by verse. But tonight I want to invent an imaginary illustration to teach rock solid Bible truth. I want to draw out from this relationship between Ruth and David, possibilities of interaction that teach us of our saving relationship to the Lord Jesus.

2) ...under God's judgment. Outside of the covenant promises of God and now she by a strange turn of events is related to Royalty! I may not have a great family name. I may be a loser in many senses of the word. I don't appear to be a great mover and shaker in this world, but by virtue of what God did in my life as a 21 year old boy, I've got a royal title. I'm an heir of God and Joint heir with Jesus Christ! And if you're saved by the grace of God you have the same title!

1) ...fling open. "Come right on in. Are you coming to see the King?" "Yes, yes. I love him so much and I don't want to take up all of his time, but I would like a short visit with him." Yes Mamae. Down the corridor turn to the left and ahead is the throne room." She makes her way down the hall, and walks straight on into the throne room. There is King David and all the administrators and counselors. Straight up to the throne. David is so pleased to see her. He drops everything and begins to fellowship with her and speak to her and kiss her forehead! That's just what she came for! Everyone of us at our best hobbles along. We get weak and say boy I hope they don't call on me to sing or to pray. Me – I wish I didn't have to preach! But we are invited into his presence to receive his fellowship and his encouragement and the kiss of his favor on our foreheads! Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

2) ...in the room. Like wise we are invited to the table that Christ has prepared. He said. John 7:37 ...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. John 6:35 ...I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Come and dine the master calleth, come and dine!

As she walks w/in ear shot, Hellow Mary.
Ruth Good to see you today. The door flings open
III. She is appointed to a Royal Table
After such a refreshing time of smiles
and joyful tears, Ruth says "Well I'd
better be going. You are busy and I
didn't mean to stay this long. David "No
you have to stay and eat w/ me tonight
I've already instructed the servants to
prepare a place at the table for you. Now
there will be some dignitaries and heads
of state there but don't you mind them. She
is lead to an magnificent dinner arrangement.
I have to put on my best etiquette. Others
file in. Then King David enters every
one including Mrs Ruth stands. The King
nods at others and comes to sit right next
to Ruth. They enjoy the meal. The King talks
to her as if she's the only one in the room. ②

IV. She is assigned to a Royal Transporter
Well toward the end of the dinner she
thanks her great grand son for the dinner,
but she says I best be heading home.
It's a long walk from here to Bethlehem.

Mama Ruth I would not have had
it any other way. I'm so glad you came by.
Now as King I have a lot of responsibility
I have to go hear and there in a moments
notice. Therefore there is a chariot that is

always ready to take me any where I need to go. That royal chariot is going to take you home and I don't want to hear a word otherwise. At the front of the Palace they say their good byes and she steps into the most beautiful comfortable chariot she's ever seen! She can't believe it she's riding

V. She is allotted a Royal Testimony
I can see the chariot pull right up to Ruth's house. The servant opens the door and helps our Ruth hobble onto the sidewalk. Every neighbor in town is straining their neck out the window to see what's going on. The King's chariot is no more down to the first turn when all the neighbors begin to congregat. What in the world is going on Mrs Ruth? What was all that about? How did you get that ride in the King's chariot? Oh I went to see my great grandson. Well who is he? Why he is the King! I'm related to royalty. Someone says, "here we go she is going to start bragging on herself, and how great she

VI. Close - We may not look like royalty. Most of us in rags and tatters like Philip Prince of Wales, but if you know the Lord Jesus as your saviour, you are related to royalty! Do you want to be related to the King?

1) ...back to Bethlehem in transportation fit for a king! She grins and smiles as people along the road bow as the chariot passes thinking that the King is inside. Look at all these folks, they don't know the King is not in here and they are respecting me like I'm somebody. Well she's related to royalty! Brother's and sisters in Christ, we don't have to walk and hobble through this Christian experience under our own power and ability! No! We've been with the King, we can be carried along by his strength! Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Thank God every now and then, when I can't take another step, his grace bears me along, his mercy sees to it that I reach my destination! Do you need his grace to carry you along tonight? Well you have been assigned royal transportation the mercy and grace of God!

2) ...and how great she is." she doesn't tell them how great she is, she tells them how great the King is! "Oh you would not believe all the wealth of the King and his throne is so breathtaking. He allowed me to eat at his table, and there were all kind of dignitaries there, but he showed me special attention! Mrs. Ruth had been allotted a royal testimony! Hey if you haven't seen anything and you haven't heard anything then you don't have any right to tell anything! The early apostles said Acts 4:20 ...we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. If you have been hearing something and seeing something in the presence of the King the tell it! Tell it. Boast of His grace! Sing of his glory. Make your boast in his kindness. Tell of his authority. Exalt his name. You have been allotted a royal testimony! Ruth 4:21-22 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.